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## **SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS URGES PLAN TO IMPROVE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY**

**LOS ANGELES** – The Board of Supervisors today approved Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' request to instruct the Department of Public Health to prepare a plan to restore the full funding benefit for the child passenger safety seat program implemented in 2007.

"This request relates to the Department of Public Health's agreements with New Economics for Women (NEW) and The Children's Collective (TCC) to provide child passenger safety seat services Countywide," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The Supervisor added that the need for the agreements arose after the Los Angeles Unified School District terminated its contract with the Department of Public Health for services in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts.

This has also resulted in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts not having the full benefit of child passenger safety seat services since the time the original contracts were approved in November 2007.

The Supervisor urged the Board to delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health, subject to review and approval by the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel, to augment the child passenger safety seat agreements to address the service gap related to the LAUSD contract termination.

The Department of Public Health will report back in two weeks with a plan to restore the full funding benefits for the child passenger safety seat program to address any gaps in services since 2007.

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